

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Disclosed is a remotely controllable apparatus and a remote control method in which there is little disparity between a case where the apparatus is controlled using a control panel possessed by the apparatus itself and a case where the apparatus is controlled remotely from a personal computer or the like, thereby facilitating control of the apparatus. A remotely controllable apparatus which has a control panel for specifying a processing operation and which is operated in accordance with an indication from the control panel and/or an externally supplied command, or an information processing apparatus that is capable of remotely controlling this apparatus, is provided with storage device for storing control-panel data that represents the appearance of at least principal components of the control panel. Remote control is performed using a virtual control panel, the appearance of which resembles that of the actual control panel, created by utilizing the control-panel data.